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Referred to Committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND  
BONDING

Introduced by:  
(FIN)

***AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AND LOCAL REVENUE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 12-408 of  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017, and applicable to sales occurring on or after*  
4 *July 1, 2017*):

5 (1) (A) For the privilege of making any sales, as defined in  
6 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 12-407, at retail, in this state  
7 for a consideration, a tax is hereby imposed on all retailers at the rate  
8 of [six and thirty-five-hundredths] six and ninety-nine-hundredths per  
9 cent of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible  
10 personal property sold at retail or from the rendering of any services  
11 constituting a sale in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a)  
12 of section 12-407, except, in lieu of said rate of [six and thirty-five-  
13 hundredths] six and ninety-nine-hundredths per cent, the rates  
14 provided in subparagraphs (B) to (H), inclusive, of this subdivision;

15       Sec. 2. Subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of section 12-411 of the  
16       general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
17       thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017, and applicable to sales occurring on or after*  
18       *July 1, 2017*):

19       (1) (A) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, acceptance,  
20       consumption or any other use in this state of tangible personal  
21       property purchased from any retailer for storage, acceptance,  
22       consumption or any other use in this state, the acceptance or receipt of  
23       any services constituting a sale in accordance with subdivision (2) of  
24       subsection (a) of section 12-407, purchased from any retailer for  
25       consumption or use in this state, or the storage, acceptance,  
26       consumption or any other use in this state of tangible personal  
27       property [which] that has been manufactured, fabricated, assembled or  
28       processed from materials by a person, either within or without this  
29       state, for storage, acceptance, consumption or any other use by such  
30       person in this state, to be measured by the sales price of materials, at  
31       the rate of [six and thirty-five-hundredths] six and ninety-nine-  
32       hundredths per cent of the sales price of such property or services,  
33       except, in lieu of said rate of [six and thirty-five-hundredths] six and  
34       ninety-nine-hundredths per cent;

35       Sec. 3. Subparagraph (U) of subdivision (37) of subsection (a) of  
36       section 12-407 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
37       substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017, and applicable to sales*  
38       *occurring on or after July 1, 2017*):

39       (U) Advertising or public relations services, including layout, art  
40       direction, graphic design, mechanical preparation or production  
41       supervision; [, not related to the development of media advertising or  
42       cooperative direct mail advertising;]

43       Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 12-18b of the general statutes is  
44       repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
45       *1, 2017*):

46 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 12-19a and 12-20a, all  
47 funds appropriated for state grants in lieu of taxes shall be payable to  
48 municipalities and districts pursuant to the provisions of this section.  
49 On or before January first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of  
50 Policy and Management shall determine the amount due, as a state  
51 grant in lieu of taxes, to each municipality and district in this state  
52 wherein college and hospital property is located and to each  
53 municipality in this state wherein state, municipal or tribal property,  
54 except that which was acquired and used for highways and bridges,  
55 but not excepting property acquired and used for highway  
56 administration or maintenance purposes, is located.

57 (1) The grant payable to any municipality for state, municipal or  
58 tribal property under the provisions of this section in the fiscal year  
59 ending June 30, 2017, and each fiscal year thereafter shall be equal to  
60 the total of:

61 (A) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have  
62 been paid with respect to any facility designated by the Commissioner  
63 of Correction, on or before August first of each year, to be a  
64 correctional facility administered under the auspices of the  
65 Department of Correction or a juvenile detention center under  
66 direction of the Department of Children and Families that was used for  
67 incarcerative purposes during the preceding fiscal year. If a list  
68 containing the name and location of such designated facilities and  
69 information concerning their use for purposes of incarceration during  
70 the preceding fiscal year is not available from the Secretary of the State  
71 on August first of any year, the Commissioner of Correction shall, on  
72 said date, certify to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
73 Management a list containing such information;

74 (B) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have  
75 been paid with respect to that portion of the John Dempsey Hospital  
76 located at The University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington  
77 that is used as a permanent medical ward for prisoners under the

78 custody of the Department of Correction. Nothing in this section shall  
79 be construed as designating any portion of The University of  
80 Connecticut Health Center John Dempsey Hospital as a correctional  
81 facility;

82 (C) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have  
83 been paid on any land designated within the 1983 Settlement  
84 boundary and taken into trust by the federal government for the  
85 Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation on or after June 8, 1999;

86 (D) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 12-19a,  
87 sixty-five per cent of the property taxes that would have been paid  
88 with respect to the buildings and grounds comprising Connecticut  
89 Valley Hospital in Middletown;

90 (E) With respect to any municipality in which more than fifty per  
91 cent of the property is state-owned real property, one hundred per cent  
92 of the property taxes that would have been paid with respect to such  
93 state-owned property;

94 (F) Forty-five per cent of the property taxes that would have been  
95 paid with respect to all municipally owned airports; except for the  
96 exemption applicable to such property, on the assessment list in such  
97 municipality for the assessment date two years prior to the  
98 commencement of the state fiscal year in which such grant is payable.  
99 The grant provided pursuant to this section for any municipally  
100 owned airport shall be paid to any municipality in which the airport is  
101 located, except that the grant applicable to Sikorsky Airport shall be  
102 paid one-half to the town of Stratford and one-half to the city of  
103 Bridgeport;

104 (G) Forty-five per cent of the property taxes that would have been  
105 paid with respect to any land designated within the 1983 Settlement  
106 boundary and taken into trust by the federal government for the  
107 Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation prior to June 8, 1999, or taken into  
108 trust by the federal government for the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of

109 Connecticut, provided the real property subject to this subparagraph  
110 shall be the land only, and shall not include the assessed value of any  
111 structures, buildings or other improvements on such land; and

112 (H) [~~Forty-five~~] Fifty-five and one-half per cent of the property taxes  
113 that would have been paid with respect to all other state-owned real  
114 property.

115 (2) (A) The grant payable to any municipality or district for college  
116 and hospital property under the provisions of this section in the fiscal  
117 year ending June 30, 2017, and each fiscal year thereafter shall be equal  
118 to the total of [~~seventy-seven~~] fifty-five and one-half per cent of the  
119 property taxes that, except for any exemption applicable to any college  
120 and hospital property under the provisions of section 12-81, would  
121 have been paid with respect to college and hospital property on the  
122 assessment list in such municipality or district for the assessment date  
123 two years prior to the commencement of the state fiscal year in which  
124 such grant is payable; and

125 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this  
126 subdivision, the grant payable to any municipality or district with  
127 respect to a campus of the United States Department of Veterans  
128 Affairs Connecticut Healthcare Systems shall be one hundred per cent.

129 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) (a) There is established an  
130 account to be known as the "local revenue diversification account"  
131 which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General  
132 Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be  
133 deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by  
134 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management in accordance  
135 with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

136 (b) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall deposit into the  
137 local revenue diversification account seven and two-tenths per cent of  
138 the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under chapter  
139 219 of the general statutes. Moneys in the account shall be used to pay,

140 annually:

141 (1) The grants in lieu of taxes under section 12-18b of the general  
142 statutes, as amended by this act; and

143 (2) From the remainder, a grant to each municipality for its  
144 unrestricted use, to be allocated in accordance with the provisions of  
145 subsection (c) of section 7-536 of the general statutes.

146 Sec. 6. Subparagraphs (K) and (L) of subdivision (1) of section 12-  
147 408 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted  
148 in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

149 (K) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for calendar  
150 months commencing on or after May 1, 2016, but prior to July 1, 2016,  
151 the commissioner shall deposit into the municipal revenue sharing  
152 account established pursuant to section 4-66l four and seven-tenths per  
153 cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under  
154 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, and shall transfer any accrual  
155 related to said months on or after said July 1, 2016, date;

156 (ii) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2017, the  
157 commissioner shall deposit into the municipal revenue sharing  
158 account established pursuant to section 4-66l [seven and nine-tenths]  
159 seven and two-tenths per cent of the amounts received by the state  
160 from the tax imposed under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision; and

161 (L) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for calendar  
162 months commencing on or after December 1, 2015, but prior to October  
163 1, 2016, the commissioner shall deposit into the Special Transportation  
164 Fund established under section 13b-68 four and seven-tenths per cent  
165 of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under  
166 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision;

167 (ii) For calendar months commencing on or after October 1, 2016,  
168 but prior to July 1, 2017, the commissioner shall deposit into the

169 Special Transportation Fund established under section 13b-68 six and  
170 three-tenths per cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax  
171 imposed under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision; and

172 (iii) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2017, the  
173 commissioner shall deposit into the Special Transportation Fund  
174 established under section 13b-68 [seven and nine-tenths] seven and  
175 two-tenths per cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax  
176 imposed under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

177 Sec. 7. Section 4-124t of the general statutes is repealed and the  
178 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

179 [(a) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall,  
180 within available appropriations, conduct a review of (1) regional tax-  
181 based revenue sharing programs, and (2) the establishment of regional  
182 asset districts. The review under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall  
183 include, but not be limited to, a study of any available models of such  
184 revenue sharing programs, the adaptations that may be needed in such  
185 programs for use in this state, the effect on property taxes and on a  
186 town's grand list, and other possible effects on both municipal and  
187 regional finances. The review under subdivision (2) of this subsection  
188 shall include, but not be limited to, a study of any available models of  
189 regional asset districts, the adaptations that may be needed in such  
190 programs for use in this state and other possible effects on both  
191 municipal and regional finances.

192 (b) Not later than July 1, 2009, the secretary shall submit a report, in  
193 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing  
194 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
195 relating to planning and development, and finance, revenue and  
196 bonding, with the results of the review undertaken pursuant to  
197 subsection (a) of this section, and with recommendations relating to  
198 the institution of revenue sharing programs and establishment of  
199 regional asset districts.]

200     (a) Each regional council of governments shall develop a plan for  
 201     regional collaboration or the sharing of services, or both, and submit  
 202     such plan to the Connecticut Advisory Commission on  
 203     Intergovernmental Relations, established pursuant to section 2-79a, as  
 204     amended by this act, for review. Any such plan shall be developed on  
 205     not less than a regional basis for implementation. In developing such  
 206     plan, each council shall consider the available and potential capacity  
 207     and resources, specific to the region, that may be utilized to maximize  
 208     efficiency and usefulness. Said commission shall recommend to the  
 209     Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management the approval of or  
 210     changes to any such plan. Plans eligible to be approved include, but  
 211     are not limited to, plans for (1) consolidation of public safety  
 212     answering points including training, service delivery and performance  
 213     evaluations, (2) regional policing, (3) public works projects, (4) special  
 214     education services in collaboration with regional education service  
 215     centers, (5) school or school district consolidations, (6) joint education  
 216     administration, (7) school transportation, (8) paratransit or dial-a-ride  
 217     services, (9) regional library operations, (10) regional public health  
 218     services including service standards and performance evaluations, (11)  
 219     regional health insurance plans for municipal employees, (12)  
 220     educational and general purchasing, (13) software licensing and  
 221     information technology purchasing, licensing or services, (14) code  
 222     enforcement and fire marshal functions, (15) stormwater management,  
 223     (16) blight management, (17) economic development and planning,  
 224     (18) joint or multitown administration, and (19) tax collection and  
 225     property tax assessment.

226     (b) To be eligible to receive any disbursements from the regional  
 227     collaboration account established pursuant to section 9 of this act, a  
 228     regional council of governments shall have submitted a plan as set  
 229     forth in subsection (a) of this section to said commission and shall have  
 230     received approval of such plan from said secretary.

231     Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) (a) The Commissioner of  
 232     Revenue Services shall deposit into the regional collaboration account



233 established pursuant to section 9 of this act two per cent of the  
234 amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under chapter 219  
235 of the general statutes. Moneys in the account shall be disbursed  
236 annually to each regional council of governments on a per capita basis.

237 (b) Each regional council of governments shall use such moneys in  
238 accordance with the following requirements: (1) Ninety per cent of the  
239 amount shall be used annually to implement or further the plan or  
240 plans submitted by such council pursuant to subsection (a) of section  
241 4-124t of the general statutes, as amended by this act, provided no such  
242 plan shall be implemented or furthered on less than a regional basis;  
243 and (2) ten per cent of the amount shall be used annually to award  
244 members, as defined in section 4-124i of the general statutes, that have  
245 taken steps to consolidate services internally across general  
246 governmental and educational functions.

247 (c) If a member wishes to participate in the plan or plans submitted  
248 by the council pursuant to subsection (a) of section 4-124t of the  
249 general statutes, as amended by this act, the legislative body of such  
250 member, or in any town in which the legislative body is a town  
251 meeting, the board of selectmen, shall approve such participation.

252 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) (a) There is established an  
253 account to be known as the "regional collaboration account" which  
254 shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The  
255 account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in  
256 the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by regional  
257 councils of governments for the purposes set forth in section 8 of this  
258 act.

259 (b) Each regional council of governments that receive disbursements  
260 from said account shall submit a report annually to the Secretary of the  
261 Office of Policy and Management that summarizes, for the preceding  
262 fiscal year, the disbursements such council received, the amounts  
263 expended by such council, the plan or plans under subsection (a) of

264 section 4-124t of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for which  
265 each such expenditure was made, and a progress update for  
266 implementation of such plan or plans. Said secretary shall submit, in  
267 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
268 a report annually to the joint standing committees of the General  
269 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance, revenue  
270 and bonding and municipalities. Such report shall include a  
271 certification from the regional council of governments that any plan for  
272 which moneys were disbursed under section 8 of this act is or will be  
273 implemented on not less than a regional basis.

274 Sec. 10. Section 2-79a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
275 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

276 (a) There shall be a Connecticut Advisory Commission on  
277 Intergovernmental Relations. The purpose of the commission shall be  
278 to enhance coordination and cooperation between the state and local  
279 governments. The commission shall consist of the president pro  
280 tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
281 minority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the House of  
282 Representatives, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
283 the Commissioners of Education, Energy and Environmental  
284 Protection, Economic and Community Development, or their  
285 designees, and sixteen additional members as follows: (1) Six  
286 municipal officials appointed by the Governor, four of whom shall be  
287 selected from a list of nominees submitted to him by the Connecticut  
288 Conference of Municipalities and two of whom shall be selected from a  
289 list submitted by the Council of Small Towns. Two of such six officials  
290 shall be from towns having populations of twenty thousand or less  
291 persons, two shall be from towns having populations of more than  
292 twenty thousand but less than sixty thousand persons and two shall be  
293 from towns having populations of sixty thousand or more persons; (2)  
294 two local public education officials appointed by the Governor, one of  
295 whom shall be selected from a list of nominees submitted to him by  
296 the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education and one of whom

297 shall be selected from a list submitted by the Connecticut Association  
298 of School Administrators; (3) one representative of a regional council  
299 of governments appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees  
300 submitted to him by the Regional Planning Association of Connecticut;  
301 (4) five persons who do not hold elected or appointed office in state or  
302 local government, one of whom shall be appointed by the Governor,  
303 one of whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
304 Senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of  
305 Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the minority  
306 leader of the Senate and one of whom shall be appointed by the  
307 minority leader of the House of Representatives; (5) one representative  
308 of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities appointed by said  
309 conference; and (6) one representative of the Council of Small Towns  
310 appointed by said council. Each member of the commission appointed  
311 pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of this subsection shall  
312 serve for a term of two years. All other members shall serve for terms  
313 which are coterminous with their terms of office. The Governor shall  
314 appoint a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among the  
315 commission members. Members of the General Assembly may serve as  
316 gubernatorial appointees to the commission. Members of the  
317 commission shall not be compensated for their services but shall be  
318 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of  
319 their duties.

320 (b) The commission shall: (1) Serve as a forum for consultation  
321 among state and local government officials; (2) conduct research on  
322 intergovernmental issues; (3) encourage and coordinate studies of  
323 intergovernmental issues by universities, research and consulting  
324 organizations and others; (4) initiate policy development and make  
325 recommendations for consideration by all levels and branches of  
326 government; and (5) review plans submitted by regional councils of  
327 governments pursuant to section 4-124t, as amended by this act, and  
328 make recommendations to the Office of Policy and Management for  
329 approval of or changes to such plans. The commission shall issue, from

330 time to time, public reports of its findings and recommendations and  
331 shall issue, annually, a public report on its activities.

332 (c) On or before the second Wednesday after the convening of the  
333 1998 regular session of the General Assembly, and every four years  
334 thereafter, the commission shall submit to the General Assembly a  
335 report which lists each existing state mandate, as defined in subsection  
336 (a) of section 2-32b, and which (1) categorizes each mandate as  
337 constitutional, statutory or executive, (2) provides the date of original  
338 enactment or issuance along with a brief description of the history of  
339 the mandate, and (3) analyzes the costs incurred by local governments  
340 in implementing the mandate. In each report the commission may also  
341 make recommendations on state mandates for consideration by the  
342 commission. On and after October 1, 1996, the report shall be  
343 submitted to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
344 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and budgets of  
345 state agencies, to any other joint standing committee of the General  
346 Assembly having cognizance and, upon request, to any member of the  
347 General Assembly. A summary of the report shall be submitted to each  
348 member of the General Assembly if the summary is two pages or less  
349 and a notification of the report shall be submitted to each member if  
350 the summary is more than two pages. Submission shall be by mailing  
351 the report, summary or notification to the legislative address of each  
352 member of the committees or the General Assembly, as applicable. The  
353 provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to prevent the  
354 commission from making more frequent recommendations on state  
355 mandates.

356 (d) Commencing on or before the second Wednesday after the  
357 convening of the 1997 regular session of the General Assembly, and  
358 every year thereafter except a year in which a report is filed pursuant  
359 to subsection (c) of this section, the commission shall submit to the  
360 General Assembly a supplement to the report required in said  
361 subsection (c) identifying any new mandates adopted and any  
362 mandates changed in the previous year.

363 (e) The Office of Policy and Management shall provide such staff as  
364 is necessary for the performance of the functions and duties of the  
365 Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.  
366 Such persons may be exempt from the classified service.

367 Sec. 11. Section 13a-175a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
368 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

369 (a) For each fiscal year commencing prior to July 1, 2017, there shall  
370 be allocated twelve million five hundred thousand dollars out of the  
371 funds appropriated to the Department of Transportation, or from any  
372 other source, not otherwise prohibited by law, to be used by the towns  
373 for construction, reconstruction, improvement or maintenance of  
374 highways, sections of highways, bridges or structures incidental to  
375 highways and bridges or the improvement thereof, including the  
376 plowing of snow, the sanding of icy pavements, the trimming and  
377 removal of trees, the installation, replacement and maintenance of  
378 traffic signs, signals and markings, and for traffic control and vehicular  
379 safety programs, traffic and parking planning and administration, and  
380 other purposes and programs related to highways, traffic and parking,  
381 and for the purposes of providing and operating essential public  
382 transportation services and related facilities.

383 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
384 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in the secretary's  
385 discretion, may approve the use of funds by a town for purposes other  
386 than those enumerated in said subsection (a).

387 Sec. 12. Section 13a-175b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
388 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

389 [Said sum] Until the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, the sum  
390 under section 13a-175a, as amended by this act, shall be distributed to  
391 the towns as follows, provided the amount of each such distribution  
392 shall be reduced proportionately in the event that the total of all such  
393 distributions exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of

394 section 13a-175a, as amended by this act: One thousand five hundred  
395 dollars per mile shall be paid for each mile of improved roads for the  
396 first thirty-two miles thereof and the remaining allocation shall be  
397 distributed pro rata to the towns on the basis of the ratio of the  
398 population of the town to the population of the state. The figures  
399 promulgated by the Department of Vital Statistics of the Connecticut  
400 Department of Public Health for the immediately preceding year shall  
401 be used to determine a town's population. Any town which would be  
402 allocated less under the provisions of this section than such town was  
403 allocated for the fiscal year 1966-1967 under section 13a-169 prior to  
404 July 1, 1967, shall be paid, from funds appropriated to the  
405 Commissioner of Transportation, in addition to the allocation  
406 provided herein, an amount equal to the difference between said  
407 allocation and the amount allocated to such town for said fiscal year.  
408 The commissioner and the selectmen of each town shall ascertain the  
409 number of miles of such improved highways in such town. Cities and  
410 boroughs not consolidated with their towns, and having responsibility  
411 for construction or maintenance of public roads, shall receive a pro rata  
412 share of the sum allotted to the town, such share to be computed in the  
413 ratio of the population within the city or borough to the total  
414 population in the town. If the commissioner and selectmen of any  
415 town are unable to agree on the number of miles of improved  
416 highways in such town, the commissioner shall determine the number  
417 of miles of such improved highways in such town. Any town  
418 aggrieved by the action of the commissioner may appeal therefrom in  
419 accordance with the provisions of section 4-183.

420 Sec. 13. Section 13a-175c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
421 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

422 [There] Until the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, there shall be  
423 allocated from the resources of the General Fund, for distribution to  
424 the several towns, such sums as required to insure that none of said  
425 towns shall be allocated for any fiscal year less than the amount  
426 allocated to such towns for the fiscal year 1966-67 pursuant to section

427 13a-169 prior to July 1, 1967.

428 Sec. 14. Section 13a-175d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
429 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

430 [There] Until the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, there shall be  
431 allocated from funds appropriated to the Commissioner of  
432 Transportation for town-aid grants for roads the sum of one million  
433 dollars annually, to be distributed pro rata to the towns in the state on  
434 the basis of the total mileage of unimproved highways in each town,  
435 for the improvement or maintenance of dirt and unimproved roads,  
436 including bridges on such roads, and if approved by the commissioner  
437 and the selectmen in such town, any portion of said sum distributed to  
438 such town in excess of the amount used for the purposes as provided  
439 in this section may be used for the purposes of the allocation provided  
440 under section 13a-175a, as amended by this act. The commissioner and  
441 the selectmen of each town shall ascertain the number of miles of such  
442 unimproved highway in such town. If the commissioner and the  
443 selectmen of any town are unable to agree on the number of miles of  
444 unimproved highway in such town, the commissioner shall determine  
445 the number of miles of unimproved highway in such town. Any town  
446 aggrieved by such determination by the commissioner may appeal  
447 therefrom in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183.

448 Sec. 15. Section 13a-175e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
449 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

450 (a) [Said] Until the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, said sums  
451 shall be distributed to each town under the provisions of [this part]  
452 sections 13a-175a to 13a-175j, inclusive, as amended by this act,  
453 semiannually, one-half during July and one-half during January of  
454 each year, provided the amount of each such distribution shall be  
455 reduced proportionately in the event that the total of all such  
456 distributions exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of  
457 section 13a-175d, as amended by this act.

458 (b) [Upon] Until the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, upon  
459 approval by the Governor of the annual appropriation act, a town may  
460 enter into agreements for the expenditure of funds allocated under  
461 sections 13a-175a, as amended by this act, 13a-175d, as amended by  
462 this act, and 13a-175i, as amended by this act, for construction,  
463 improvement or maintenance of highways or improvement or  
464 maintenance of dirt and unimproved roads, provided the cost of such  
465 construction, improvement or maintenance shall not exceed the sum to  
466 be distributed to such town, pursuant to this part during July of the  
467 fiscal year to which such appropriation act relates, and provided the  
468 terms of such agreements shall not require any payments to be made  
469 before July first of such fiscal year.

470 Sec. 16. Section 13a-175f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
471 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

472 The Commissioner of Transportation, upon reasonable request of  
473 the selectmen or other authority having charge of highways of any  
474 town, shall allow such town to join with the department in the  
475 purchase of materials used for the laying out, construction, repair,  
476 reconstruction or maintenance of any highway or bridge. The  
477 commissioner shall conduct such tests as are necessary to insure the  
478 quality of such materials.

479 Sec. 17. Section 13a-175i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
480 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

481 (a) [In] Until the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, in addition to  
482 the funds made available to the towns [in] under section 13a-175a, as  
483 amended by this act, for the purposes set forth therein, the additional  
484 sum of four million six hundred thousand dollars shall be distributed  
485 pro rata for such purposes to the towns on the basis of the ratio of the  
486 population of the town to the population of the state, notwithstanding  
487 the provisions of section 13a-175b, as amended by this act.

488 (b) For the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1986, and each fiscal year



489 thereafter until the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, each town  
490 shall receive an additional sum equal to forty-seven and nine-tenths  
491 per cent of the total amount of funds distributed to such town  
492 pursuant to sections 13a-175a, as amended by this act, 13a-175b, as  
493 amended by this act, and 13a-175d, as amended by this act, and  
494 subsection (a) of this section, provided the amount of each such  
495 additional sum shall be reduced proportionately in the event that the  
496 total of all such sums exceeds the amount appropriated for the  
497 purposes of subsection (a) of this section.

498 Sec. 18. Section 13a-175j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
499 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

500 Any balance of appropriations in excess of that required to be  
501 distributed to the towns, under the formulas set forth in sections 13a-  
502 175a to 13a-175d, inclusive, as amended by this act, as of June 30, 1977,  
503 and annually thereafter until the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017,  
504 may be made available by the Governor, upon application of the  
505 selectman or other authority having charge of highways in any town,  
506 to be used to defray, in whole or part, the cost of repairs,  
507 improvements, alteration or replacement of roads, bridges and dams in  
508 such town which, in the opinion of the Governor, with the advice of  
509 the Commissioner of Transportation, in the case of roads or bridges,  
510 and the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in the  
511 case of dams, constitute a threat to public safety as a result of damage  
512 resulting from a natural disaster. Any such balance shall not lapse but  
513 shall continue to be available and shall not be transferred to the  
514 General Fund.

515 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) For fiscal years beginning on or  
516 after July 1, 2017, any town may, by vote of its legislative body or, in a  
517 town where the legislative body is a town meeting, by vote of the  
518 board of selectmen, impose a fee of not more than fifty dollars  
519 annually on each vehicle that is registered in such town and is not  
520 exempt from taxation. Such fees shall be used by the town for

521 construction, reconstruction, improvement or maintenance of  
522 highways, sections of highways, bridges or structures incidental to  
523 highways and bridges or the improvement thereof, including the  
524 plowing of snow, the sanding of icy pavements, the trimming and  
525 removal of trees, the installation, replacement and maintenance of  
526 traffic signs, signals and markings, and for traffic control and vehicular  
527 safety programs, traffic and parking planning and administration, and  
528 other purposes and programs related to highways, traffic and parking,  
529 and for the purposes of providing and operating essential public  
530 transportation services and related facilities. Such fees shall be  
531 collected in the same manner as the property taxes of the town,  
532 including, in the event of default of delinquency, with respect to any  
533 penalties, fees and remedies.

534 Sec. 20. Section 13b-74 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
535 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

536 (a) Whenever the General Assembly has empowered the State Bond  
537 Commission to authorize special tax obligation bonds of the state for  
538 specific transportation projects and uses and has found that such  
539 projects and uses are for any of the purposes set forth under subsection  
540 (b) of this section, and whenever the State Bond Commission finds that  
541 the authorization of such bonds will be in the best interests of the state,  
542 the State Bond Commission shall authorize the issuance of such bonds  
543 from time to time in one or more series and in principal amounts not  
544 exceeding the aggregate amount authorized therefor by the General  
545 Assembly.

546 (b) The purposes for which special tax obligation bonds may be  
547 issued pursuant to sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, are as follows:

548 (1) Planning, acquisition, removal, construction, equipping,  
549 reconstruction, repair, rehabilitation and improvement of, and  
550 acquisition of easements and rights-of-way with respect to, state  
551 highways and bridges;

552       (2) Payment of the state's share of the costs of planning, acquisition,  
553 removal, construction, equipping, reconstruction, repair, rehabilitation  
554 and improvement of, and acquisition of easements and rights-of-way  
555 with respect to, (A) state highways, (B) projects on the interstate  
556 highway system, (C) alternate highway projects in the interstate  
557 highway substitution program, commonly referred to as the interstate  
558 trade-in program, (D) state bridges, (E) mass transportation and transit  
559 facilities, (F) aeronautic facilities, excluding Bradley International  
560 Airport, and (G) waterway projects;

561       (3) Payment of the state's share of the costs of planning, acquisition,  
562 removal, construction, equipping, reconstruction, repair, rehabilitation  
563 and improvement of, and acquisition of easements and rights-of-way  
564 with respect to, the local bridge program established under sections  
565 13a-175p to 13a-175u, inclusive, and payment of state contributions to  
566 the Local Bridge Revolving Fund established under section 13a-175r;

567       (4) Planning, acquisition, removal, construction, equipping,  
568 reconstruction, repair, rehabilitation and improvement of, and  
569 acquisition of easements and rights-of-way with respect to, the  
570 highway safety program, including the rail-highway crossing, hazard  
571 elimination and other highway safety programs on the state highway  
572 system;

573       (5) Planning, acquisition, removal, construction, equipping,  
574 reconstruction, repair, rehabilitation and improvement of, and  
575 acquisition of easements and rights-of-way with respect to, the  
576 maintenance garages and administrative facilities of the Department of  
577 Transportation;

578       (6) Planning, acquisition, removal, construction, equipping,  
579 reconstruction, repair, rehabilitation and improvement of, and  
580 acquisition of easements and rights-of-way with respect to, projects  
581 and purposes included in section 13b-57h; and

582       [(7) Payment of funds made available to towns, as provided in

583 sections 13a-175a to 13a-175e, inclusive, 13a-175i and 13a-175j, for the  
584 purposes set forth in sections 13a-175a, 13a-175d and 13a-175j; and]

585 [(8)] (7) Payment of funds to any municipality or local planning  
586 agency for transportation improvements pursuant to section 13a-98n.

587 (c) Upon authorization of bonds by the State Bond Commission  
588 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the principal amount of the  
589 bonds authorized therein for transportation costs with respect to such  
590 projects and uses shall be deemed to be an appropriation and  
591 allocation of such amount for such projects or uses, respectively, and,  
592 subject to approval by the Governor of allotment thereof and to any  
593 authorization for such projects or uses that may otherwise be required,  
594 contracts may be awarded and obligations incurred with respect to any  
595 such projects or uses in amounts not in the aggregate exceeding the  
596 principal amount authorized therefor, notwithstanding that such  
597 contracts and obligations may at a particular time exceed the amount  
598 of the proceeds from the sale of such bonds theretofore received by the  
599 state.

600 Sec. 21. Section 8-336f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
601 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

602 (a) The Commissioner of Housing shall establish and administer a  
603 Connecticut housing partnership program for the purpose of  
604 encouraging the formation of local housing partnerships which will  
605 work with the community, the Department of Housing and other state  
606 agencies to solve housing problems faced by the community and  
607 develop ways to increase the supply and availability of affordable  
608 housing in the community.

609 (b) Any municipality may, by ordinance, or by resolution of the  
610 board of selectmen in any town in which the legislative body is a town  
611 meeting, authorize the formation of a local housing partnership. Any  
612 local housing partnership shall include, but shall not be limited to, the  
613 chief elected official of the municipality and the following members to

614 be appointed by the chief elected official: (1) Representatives of the  
615 planning commission, zoning commission, inland wetlands  
616 commission, housing authority and any local community development  
617 agency, (2) representatives of the local business community, such as  
618 local bankers, realtors and developers, (3) representatives of public  
619 interest groups, such as housing advocates, members of the clergy,  
620 members of local civic groups and representatives of local nonprofit  
621 corporations, and (4) local urban planning, land use and housing  
622 professionals.

623 (c) The Commissioner of Housing may provide a local housing  
624 partnership with an initial designation under the Connecticut housing  
625 partnership program upon receipt of evidence satisfactory to the  
626 commissioner that the local housing partnership has been formed in  
627 accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section and  
628 that sufficient local resources have been committed to the local  
629 housing partnership. Upon such initial designation, the commissioner  
630 shall provide technical assistance to the local housing partnership  
631 which assistance shall include, but shall not be limited to, the  
632 following: (1) The assignment of a primary contact person in the  
633 Department of Housing to work directly with the local housing  
634 partnership, (2) obtaining assistance from other state agencies, regional  
635 councils of governments and regional housing councils on behalf of the  
636 local housing partnership when necessary, (3) assisting the local  
637 housing partnership in developing a comprehensive local housing  
638 strategy, (4) assisting the local housing partnership in identifying  
639 available local resources, (5) discussing possible ways to create  
640 affordable housing through the use of conventional and alternative  
641 financing and through public and private land use controls, (6)  
642 explaining the requirements of and the types of assistance available  
643 under state housing programs, and (7) providing information and  
644 advice concerning available federal and private financial assistance for  
645 all aspects of housing development.

646 (d) The Commissioner of Housing may provide a local housing

partnership which has received an initial designation under subsection (c) of this section with a development designation under the Connecticut housing partnership program upon receipt of evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the local housing partnership has:

- (1) Examined and identified housing needs and opportunities in the community,
- (2) explored the availability of any state, municipal or other land that is suitable for the development of affordable housing,
- (3) reviewed applicable zoning regulations to determine whether such regulations restrict the development of affordable housing in the community and to identify any necessary changes to such regulations,
- (4) established priorities and developed a long-range plan to meet identified housing needs in the community consistent with regional housing needs,
- (5) established procedures for the development of a written proposal to achieve such priorities in accordance with said plan, and
- (6) started an activity, development or project designed to create additional affordable housing in the community.

Upon such development designation:

- (A) The Commissioner of Housing shall give priority to any activity, project or development initiated or sponsored by the local housing partnership in providing any financial assistance pursuant to any program administered by the Commissioner of Housing under the general statutes;
- (B) the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall consider formation of a local housing partnership in a municipality as a primary factor in awarding any grant-in-aid for open space land under sections 7-131d to 7-131k, inclusive;
- (C) the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall consider formation of a local housing partnership in a municipality as a primary factor in making any grants and loans for water quality projects under sections 22a-475 to 22a-483, inclusive.

If the Commissioner of Housing determines that a municipality has developed and is maintaining a balanced inventory of affordable housing, the municipality shall receive the same priority as a local housing partnership which has received a development designation under this subsection or the municipality in which such local housing partnership is formed.

681 [(e) Upon the completion of the first activity, development or project  
 682 initiated or sponsored by a local housing partnership under this  
 683 section, the Commissioner of Housing, upon receipt of satisfactory  
 684 evidence of such completion, shall provide a town-aid grant to the  
 685 municipality in which the local housing partnership is formed in an  
 686 amount equal to twenty-five per cent of the amount of the distribution  
 687 to the municipality calculated under the provisions of part IIa of  
 688 chapter 240 for the fiscal year in which the activity, development or  
 689 project is completed. Such town-aid grant shall be paid to the  
 690 municipality from the General Fund (1) in the fiscal year following the  
 691 fiscal year in which the activity, development or project is completed,  
 692 and (2) in each of the three fiscal years following the fiscal year in  
 693 which such initial town-aid grant is paid, provided the Commissioner  
 694 of Housing determines in each of such years that the local housing  
 695 partnership and the municipality in which the local housing  
 696 partnership is formed are actively engaged in the development of  
 697 affordable housing within the municipality. Such town-aid grant shall  
 698 not be included in the estimates compiled by the Secretary of the Office  
 699 of Policy and Management pursuant to sections 4-71a and 4-71b.]

700 [(f)] (e) The Commissioner of Housing shall adopt regulations, in  
 701 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes  
 702 of subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section.

703 Sec. 22. Subsection (e) of section 4-66l of the general statutes is  
 704 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
 705 *1, 2017*):

706 (e) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and each fiscal year  
 707 thereafter, each regional council of governments shall receive a  
 708 regional services grant, the amount of which will be based on a  
 709 formula to be determined by the secretary. [ except that, for the fiscal  
 710 year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, thirty-five  
 711 per cent of such grant moneys shall be awarded to regional councils of  
 712 governments for the purpose of assisting regional education service

713 centers in merging their human resource, finance or technology  
714 services with such services provided by municipalities within the  
715 region.] For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, three million dollars  
716 shall be expended by the secretary from the Municipal Revenue  
717 Sharing Fund established in section 4-66p for the purpose of the  
718 regional services grant. No such council shall receive a grant for the  
719 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, or any fiscal year thereafter, unless the  
720 secretary approves a spending plan for such grant moneys submitted  
721 by such council to the secretary on or before July 1, 2017, and annually  
722 thereafter. The regional councils of governments shall use such grants  
723 for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of  
724 municipal services by regionalizing such services, including, but not  
725 limited to, region-wide consolidation of such services. Such efficiencies  
726 shall not diminish the quality of such services. A unanimous vote of  
727 the representatives of such council shall be required for approval of  
728 any expenditure from such grant. On or before October 1, 2017, and  
729 biennially thereafter, each such council shall submit a report, in  
730 accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the  
731 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning  
732 and development and finance, revenue and bonding. Such report shall  
733 summarize the expenditure of such grants and provide  
734 recommendations concerning the expansion, reduction or modification  
735 of such grants.

736 Sec. 23. Section 12-62a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
737 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017, and*  
738 *applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2017*):

739 (a) Each municipality, as defined in section 7-381, shall establish a  
740 uniform assessment date of October first.

741 (b) Each such municipality shall assess all property for purposes of  
742 the local property tax at a uniform rate of [seventy] one hundred per  
743 cent of present true and actual value, as determined under section 12-  
744 63.



745 (c) Repealed by P.A. 96-171, S. 15, 16.

746 (d) Repealed by P.A. 96-171, S. 15, 16.

747 (e) Repealed by P.A. 06-148, S. 10 and P.A. 06-176, S. 4.

748 (f) Repealed by P.A. 06-148, S. 10 and P.A. 06-176, S. 4.

749 (g) Repealed by P.A. 83-465, S. 3, 4.

750 Sec. 24. Section 12-115 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
751 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017, and*  
752 *applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2017*):

753 The board of assessment appeals in any town or city may, within  
754 three months from the date prescribed by law for the completion of its  
755 duties, as set forth in section 12-111, add to the grand list of a town any  
756 taxable property [which] that has been omitted by the assessor or  
757 board of assessors or the board of assessment appeals, which shall  
758 reflect for each owner of such property, an assessment at [seventy per  
759 cent] the rate set forth in subsection (b) of section 12-62a, as amended  
760 by this act, of the present true and actual value of such owner's taxable  
761 property from the best information that it can obtain, and if the owner  
762 failed to file the declaration as prescribed by law, shall add thereto  
763 twenty-five per cent of such assessment. Such board of assessment  
764 appeals shall mail to such owner at the last known address of the  
765 owner, postage paid, within one week after the completion of such  
766 supplemental additions to the grand list, a written or printed notice to  
767 appear before such board at a stated time and place and show cause  
768 why such property should not be added to such grand list. Any person  
769 aggrieved by the action of such board may, within two months from  
770 the time of such action, have the same right of appeal to the Superior  
771 Court as provided by section 12-117a. The authority designated by  
772 section 12-130 shall make and sign a rate bill for such supplemental  
773 additions to the grand list and a warrant with respect to such additions  
774 [which] that shall be forwarded by the tax collector to such person, and

775 such collector shall have the same powers for the collection of the tax  
776 based on such supplemental additions to such list as for the collection  
777 of other taxes.

778 Sec. 25. Section 15-101bb of the general statutes is repealed and the  
779 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017, and*  
780 *applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2017*):

781 Property subject to taxation under this chapter shall be assessed by  
782 the assessor or board of assessors of the town in which it is located at  
783 [seventy] one hundred per cent of the fair market value as determined  
784 by a person certified by the state as a real estate appraiser, provided  
785 such appraiser is selected by a majority vote of the chief executive  
786 officers of the towns of East Granby, Suffield, Windsor and Windsor  
787 Locks. The services of the appraiser selected shall be paid for by the  
788 towns of East Granby, Suffield, Windsor and Windsor Locks in  
789 proportion to the percentages for each town set forth in section 15-  
790 101cc. Not later than August first in any assessment year, the appraiser  
791 shall provide to the assessor or board of assessors of each of the towns  
792 listed in said section and to the lessee of the property, the fair market  
793 value of the property subject to taxation under this chapter as of  
794 October first in such assessment year. The appraiser shall be  
795 responsible for making a determination of taxability or nontaxability of  
796 leasehold interests under this chapter. If any town or the lessee is  
797 aggrieved by the determination of the appraiser concerning (1) the  
798 taxability of real property under the provisions of this chapter, or (2)  
799 the valuation thereof, such town or the lessee may, within thirty days  
800 of the receipt of written notice of such determination, appeal to the  
801 superior court for the judicial district where such property is located.  
802 Such appeals shall be preferred cases, to be heard, unless cause  
803 appears to the contrary, at the first session, by the court.

804 Sec. 26. Section 12-71e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
805 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017, and*  
806 *applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2017*):

807        (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any special act, municipal  
808 charter or home rule ordinance, for the assessment year commencing  
809 October 1, 2015, and each assessment year thereafter, each  
810 municipality and district shall tax motor vehicles in accordance with  
811 this section.

812        (1) Notwithstanding any mill rate for motor vehicles set by a  
813 municipality before June 2, 2016, for the assessment year commencing  
814 October 1, 2015, the mill rate for motor vehicles shall not exceed 37  
815 mills, except in the case of a municipality that set a mill rate before  
816 June 2, 2016, for motor vehicles of 32 mills for the assessment year  
817 commencing October 1, 2015, the mill rate for motor vehicles shall be  
818 the lesser of 37 mills, the mill rate set before June 2, 2016, for real  
819 property and personal property other than motor vehicles for such  
820 municipality for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2015, or a  
821 mill rate for motor vehicles set by a municipality after June 2, 2016, that  
822 is less than 37 mills.

823        (2) For the assessment year commencing October 1, 2016, and each  
824 assessment year thereafter, the mill rate for motor vehicles shall not  
825 exceed 32 mills.

826        (3) For the assessment year commencing October 1, 2017, and each  
827 assessment year thereafter, no mill rate for motor vehicles shall be set  
828 that results in a motor vehicle property tax levy that exceeds the  
829 amount such levy would have been if the assessment ratio on motor  
830 vehicles for the assessment year was seventy per cent and the mill rate  
831 was 32 mills.

832        (b) (1) Any municipality or district may establish a mill rate for  
833 motor vehicles that is different from its mill rate for real property and  
834 personal property other than motor vehicles to comply with the  
835 provisions of this section.

836        (2) No district or borough may set a motor vehicle mill rate that if  
837 combined with the motor vehicle mill rate of the town, city,

838 consolidated town and city or consolidated town and borough in  
 839 which such district or borough is located would result in a combined  
 840 motor vehicle mill rate [(1)] (A) above 37 mills for the assessment year  
 841 commencing October 1, 2015, provided in the case of a district or  
 842 borough that set a mill rate before June 2, 2016, for motor vehicles that  
 843 if combined with the motor vehicle mill rate of the municipality in  
 844 which such district or borough is located resulted in a combined motor  
 845 vehicle mill rate of 32 mills for the assessment year commencing  
 846 October 1, 2015, the mill rate [on] for motor vehicles for any such  
 847 district or borough for such assessment year shall be the lesser of [(A)]  
 848 (i) a mill rate for motor vehicles that if combined with the motor  
 849 vehicle mill rate of the municipality in which such district or borough  
 850 is located would result in a combined motor vehicle mill rate of 37,  
 851 [(B)] (ii) the mill rate set before June 2, 2016, for the assessment year  
 852 commencing October 1, 2015, on real property and personal property  
 853 other than motor vehicles for such borough or district, or [(C)] (iii) a  
 854 mill rate for motor vehicles set by a borough or district after June 2,  
 855 2016, that is less than 37 mills when combined with the motor vehicle  
 856 mill rate of the municipality in which such district or borough is  
 857 located, or [(2)] (B) above 32 mills for the assessment year commencing  
 858 October 1, 2016, and each assessment year thereafter.

859 (c) For the purposes of this section, "municipality" means any town,  
 860 city, borough, consolidated town and city, consolidated town and  
 861 borough and "district" means any district, as defined in section 7-324.

862 Sec. 27. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 7-34a of the  
 863 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
 864 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

865 (a) (1) Town clerks shall receive, for recording any document, ten  
 866 dollars for the first page and five dollars for each subsequent page or  
 867 fractional part thereof, a page being not more than eight and one-half  
 868 by fourteen inches. Town clerks shall receive, for recording the  
 869 information contained in a certificate of registration for the practice of

870 any of the healing arts, five dollars. Town clerks shall receive, for  
871 recording documents conforming to, or substantially similar to, section  
872 47-36c, which are clearly entitled "statutory form" in the heading of  
873 such documents, as follows: For the first page of a warranty deed, a  
874 quitclaim deed, a mortgage deed, or an assignment of mortgage, ten  
875 dollars; for each additional page of such documents, five dollars; and  
876 for each assignment of mortgage, subsequent to the first two  
877 assignments, two dollars. Town clerks shall receive, for recording any  
878 document with respect to which certain data must be submitted by  
879 each town clerk to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
880 Management in accordance with section 10-261b, two dollars in  
881 addition to the regular recording fee. Any person who offers any  
882 written document for recording in the office of any town clerk, which  
883 document fails to have legibly typed, printed or stamped directly  
884 beneath the signatures the names of the persons who executed such  
885 document, the names of any witnesses thereto and the name of the  
886 officer before whom the same was acknowledged, shall pay one dollar  
887 in addition to the regular recording fee. Town clerks shall receive, for  
888 recording any deed, except a mortgage deed, conveying title to real  
889 estate, which deed does not contain the current mailing address of the  
890 grantee, five dollars in addition to the regular recording fee. Town  
891 clerks shall receive, for filing any document, [~~five~~] ten dollars; for  
892 receiving and keeping a survey or map, legally filed in the town clerk's  
893 office, [~~five~~] ten dollars; and for indexing such survey or map, in  
894 accordance with section 7-32, [~~five~~] ten dollars, except with respect to  
895 indexing any such survey or map pertaining to a subdivision of land as  
896 defined in section 8-18, in which event town clerks shall receive  
897 [~~fifteen~~] twenty dollars for each such indexing. Town clerks shall  
898 receive, for a copy, in any format, of any document either recorded or  
899 filed in their offices, one dollar for each page or fractional part thereof,  
900 as the case may be; for certifying any copy of the same, two dollars; for  
901 making a copy of any survey or map, the actual cost thereof; and for  
902 certifying such copy of a survey or map, two dollars. Town clerks shall  
903 receive, for recording the commission and oath of a notary public, [~~ten~~]

904 twenty dollars; and for certifying under seal to the official character of  
905 a notary, [two] five dollars.

906 Sec. 28. Section 7-73 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
907 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

908 (a) To any person performing the duties required by the provisions  
909 of the general statutes relating to registration of marriages, deaths and  
910 fetal deaths, the following fees shall be allowed: (1) For the license to  
911 marry, [ten] fifteen dollars; and (2) for issuing each burial or removal,  
912 transit and burial permit, [three] five dollars.

913 (b) A [twenty-dollar] thirty-five-dollar surcharge shall be paid to the  
914 registrar for each license to marry in addition to the fee for such license  
915 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The registrar  
916 shall retain one dollar from each such surcharge for administrative  
917 costs and shall forward the remainder, on or before the tenth day of  
918 the month following each calendar quarter, to the Department of  
919 Public Health. The receipts shall be deposited into an account of the  
920 State Treasurer and credited to the General Fund for further credit to a  
921 separate nonlapsing account established by the Comptroller for use by  
922 the Department of Social Services for shelter services for victims of  
923 household abuse in accordance with section 17b-850 and by the  
924 Department of Public Health for rape crisis services funded under  
925 section 19a-2a. Such funds shall be allocated for these purposes by the  
926 Office of Policy and Management in consultation with the  
927 Commissioners of Social Services and Public Health based on an  
928 evaluation of need, service delivery costs and availability of other  
929 funds. The Commissioners of Social Services and Public Health shall  
930 distribute such funds to the recipient organizations in accordance with  
931 such allocations not later than October fifteenth, annually. No such  
932 funds shall (1) be retained by the Office of Policy and Management, the  
933 Commissioner of Social Services or the Commissioner of Public Health  
934 for administrative purposes; or (2) supplant any state or federal funds  
935 otherwise available for such services.

936       Sec. 29. Subsection (b) of section 19a-323 of the general statutes is  
937 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
938 *1, 2017*):

939       (b) If death occurred in this state, the death certificate required by  
940 law shall be filed with the registrar of vital statistics for the town in  
941 which such person died, if known, or, if not known, for the town in  
942 which the body was found. The Chief Medical Examiner, Deputy Chief  
943 Medical Examiner, associate medical examiner, an authorized assistant  
944 medical examiner or other authorized designee shall complete the  
945 cremation certificate, stating that such medical examiner or other  
946 authorized designee has made inquiry into the cause and manner of  
947 death and is of the opinion that no further examination or judicial  
948 inquiry is necessary. The cremation certificate shall be submitted to the  
949 registrar of vital statistics of the town in which such person died, if  
950 known, or, if not known, of the town in which the body was found, or  
951 with the registrar of vital statistics of the town in which the funeral  
952 director having charge of the body is located. Upon receipt of the  
953 cremation certificate, the registrar shall authorize such certificate, keep  
954 such certificate on permanent record, and issue a cremation permit,  
955 except that if the cremation certificate is submitted to the registrar of  
956 the town where the funeral director is located, such certificate shall be  
957 forwarded to the registrar of the town where the person died to be  
958 kept on permanent record. If a cremation permit must be obtained  
959 during the hours that the office of the local registrar of the town where  
960 death occurred is closed, a subregistrar appointed to serve such town  
961 may authorize such cremation permit upon receipt and review of a  
962 properly completed cremation permit and cremation certificate. A  
963 subregistrar who is licensed as a funeral director or embalmer  
964 pursuant to chapter 385, or the employee or agent of such funeral  
965 director or embalmer shall not issue a cremation permit to himself or  
966 herself. A subregistrar shall forward the cremation certificate to the  
967 local registrar of the town where death occurred, not later than seven  
968 days after receiving such certificate. The estate of the deceased person,

969 if any, shall pay the sum of one hundred fifty dollars for the issuance  
970 of the cremation certificate, provided the Office of the Chief Medical  
971 Examiner shall not assess any fees for costs that are associated with the  
972 cremation of a stillborn fetus. Upon request of the Chief Medical  
973 Examiner, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may  
974 waive payment of such cremation certificate fee. No cremation  
975 certificate shall be required for a permit to cremate the remains of  
976 bodies pursuant to section 19a-270a. When the cremation certificate is  
977 submitted to a town other than that where the person died, the  
978 registrar of vital statistics for such other town shall ascertain from the  
979 original removal, transit and burial permit that the certificates required  
980 by the state statutes have been received and recorded, that the body  
981 has been prepared in accordance with the Public Health Code and that  
982 the entry regarding the place of disposal is correct. Whenever the  
983 registrar finds that the place of disposal is incorrect, the registrar shall  
984 issue a corrected removal, transit and burial permit and, after  
985 inscribing and recording the original permit in the manner prescribed  
986 for sextons' reports under section 7-66, shall then immediately give  
987 written notice to the registrar for the town where the death occurred of  
988 the change in place of disposal stating the name and place of the  
989 crematory and the date of cremation. Such written notice shall be  
990 sufficient authorization to correct these items on the original certificate  
991 of death. The fee for a cremation permit shall be [three] five dollars  
992 and for the written notice one dollar. The Department of Public Health  
993 shall provide forms for cremation permits, which shall not be the same  
994 as for regular burial permits and shall include space to record  
995 information about the intended manner of disposition of the cremated  
996 remains, and such blanks and books as may be required by the  
997 registrars.

998       Sec. 30. Section 30-53 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
999 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

1000       Each permit granted or renewed by the Department of Consumer  
1001 Protection shall be of no effect until a duplicate thereof has been filed



1002 by the permittee with the town clerk of the town within which the club  
 1003 or place of business described in such permit is situated; provided the  
 1004 place of filing of railroad and boat permits shall be the office of the  
 1005 town clerk of the town of New Haven, and airline permits, the office of  
 1006 the town clerk of the town of Hartford. The fee for such filing shall be  
 1007 [two] twenty dollars.

1008 Sec. 31. Subdivisions (5) and (8) of section 12-412 of the general  
 1009 statutes and section 13a-175k of the general statutes are repealed.  
 1010 (*Effective July 1, 2017*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017, and applicable to sales occurring on or after July 1, 2017</i>	12-408(1)(A)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2017, and applicable to sales occurring on or after July 1, 2017</i>	12-411(1)(A)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2017, and applicable to sales occurring on or after July 1, 2017</i>	12-407(a)(37)(U)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	12-18b(b)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	12-408(1)(K) and (L)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	4-124t
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	2-79a
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	13a-175a
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	13a-175b
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	13a-175c
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	13a-175d
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	13a-175e
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	13a-175f

Sec. 17	July 1, 2017	13a-175i
Sec. 18	July 1, 2017	13a-175j
Sec. 19	July 1, 2017	New section
Sec. 20	July 1, 2017	13b-74
Sec. 21	July 1, 2017	8-336f
Sec. 22	July 1, 2017	4-66l(e)
Sec. 23	October 1, 2017, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2017	12-62a
Sec. 24	October 1, 2017, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2017	12-115
Sec. 25	October 1, 2017, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2017	15-101bb
Sec. 26	October 1, 2017, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2017	12-71e
Sec. 27	July 1, 2017	7-34a(a)(1)
Sec. 28	July 1, 2017	7-73
Sec. 29	July 1, 2017	19a-323(b)
Sec. 30	July 1, 2017	30-53
Sec. 31	July 1, 2017	Repealer section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) increase the rate of the sales and use taxes and repeal certain exemptions, (2) impose a rate of fifty-five per cent for state-owned real property and college and hospital property for the purposes of grants in lieu of taxes payments, (3) require regional councils of governments to submit collaboration plans and establish a regional collaboration account to fund such plans, (4) make various revisions to methods of funding municipalities and municipal projects, (5) make an allocation adjustment to the municipal revenue sharing account, (6) increase the uniform municipal assessment rate, and (7) increase certain municipal filing fees.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*